

2.7 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, PARKS AND RECREATION

Facilities and services provided from tax and other revenue must meet the needs of Briarcliff Manor’s residents and property owners. Funding comes primarily from the Village budget, though many services are supported by user fees, donations and other means. Volunteers also play a crucial role in delivering services such as firefighting, emergency medical services and recreation and social programs. Figure 2.17 shows the location of various community facilities discussed in this section.

2.7.1 Community Facilities and Services

Village Hall

Briarcliff Manor’s Village Hall is located at 1111 Pleasantville Road in the heart of the Village. The facility houses the offices for the Village Manager, Village Treasurer, Court Clerk, the Building Department, the Village Clerk, the Fire Department and the Police Department. The Village government has 81 full-time employees.

Village Hall, including the Fire Department building, was built in 1963 and has had no significant rehabilitation or upgrades since construction. Studies have suggested a need for more space to meet the requirement of municipal departments and to upgrade the building’s infrastructure.

Police, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management

Police. The Briarcliff Manor Police Department has a 20-person staff, consisting of a Chief of Police, one lieutenant, five uniform patrol sergeants, one detective/sergeant and 12 uniform patrol officers. The department provides 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, patrol coverage. A typical tour of duty has three officers working, with one officer assigned

to work in Headquarters at the police desk, and two officers assigned to work on patrol.

The Police Headquarters is in Village Hall at 1111 Pleasantville Road, where the department has approximately 900 to 1,000 square feet of facility space. The existing police facility is inadequate and is in need of expansion.

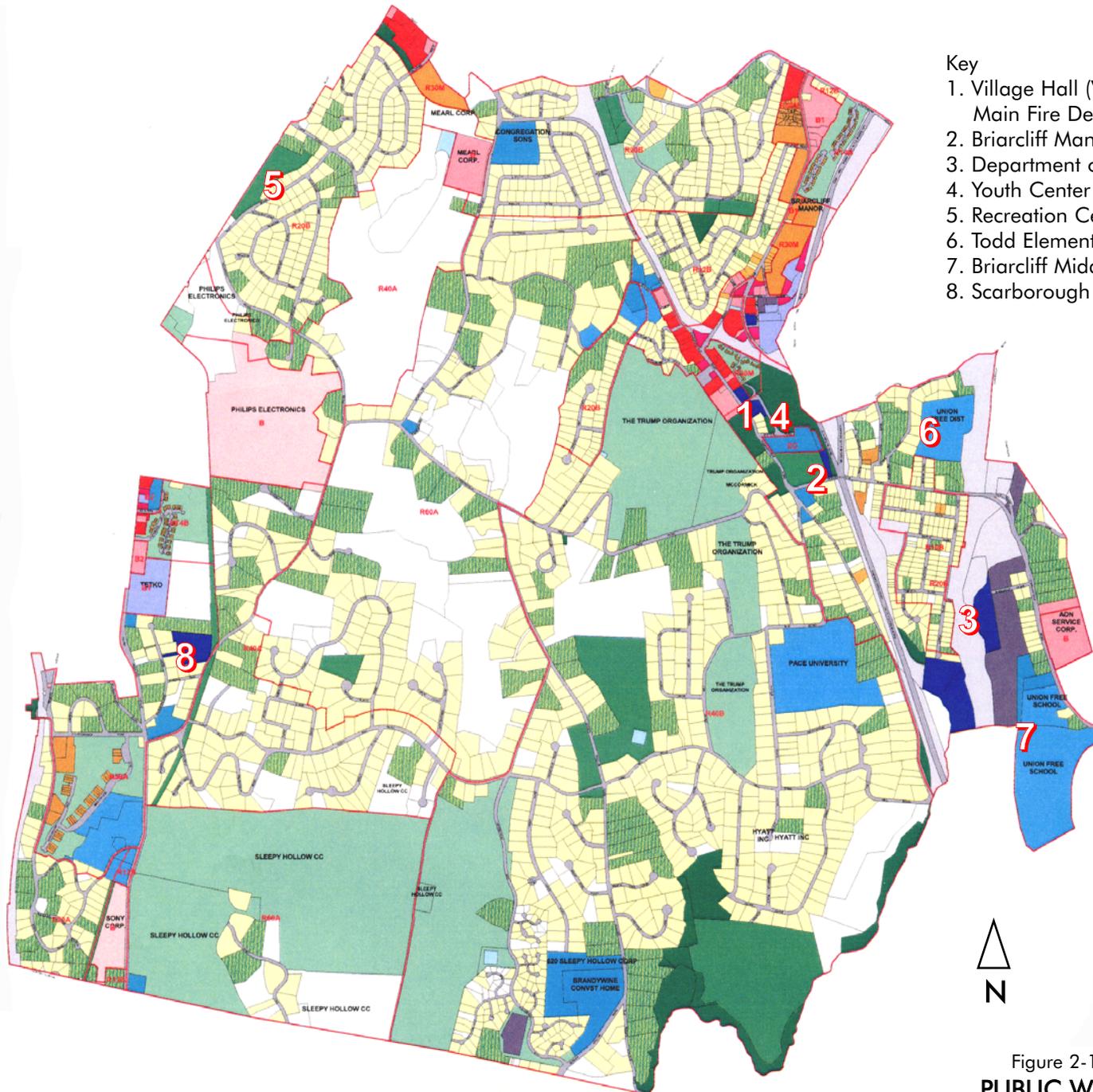
The Police Department covers a geographic area of approximately 5.75 square miles, divided into two patrol sectors (east and west), and serves a population of approximately 8,000 people. The department rarely has a response time of more than five minutes, according to Chief Norman Campion, and, in a critical call for service, often gets to the location of the call within three minutes. Actual response time averages are not kept by the department.

Fire. The Briarcliff Manor Fire Department is an all-volunteer organization with two stations: Village Hall on Pleasantville Road, which houses the Hook and Ladder Company and the Briarcliff Fire Company, and Scarborough Road, which houses the Scarborough Engine Company. The department has approximately 150 members in its three companies. The fire chief and two assistant chiefs are not Village employees, although they receive a nominal stipend. The service area of the Fire Department extends beyond Village boundaries via service contracts with the Town of Mount Ossining or Mount Pleasant.



Scarborough Engine Company

The Fire Department has one tower ladder, one heavy rescue vehicle, two ambulances, three class-A pumpers and a utility truck. In addition,



Key

1. Village Hall (Village Offices, Police, Main Fire Department)
2. Briarcliff Manor Public Library
3. Department of Public Works Building
4. Youth Center
5. Recreation Center
6. Todd Elementary School
7. Briarcliff Middle School/Briarcliff High School
8. Scarborough Fire House

LAND USE CATEGORIES (1998 - 2004 data)	
[White Box]	Parcels
[Red Outline Box]	Zoning District Boundaries
[Yellow Box]	Single-Family Residence
[Orange Box]	Two-Family
[Light Orange Box]	Multi-Family
[Light Green Box]	Executive Office/Research Laboratory
[Pink Box]	Business/Professional Office
[Light Blue Box]	Retail/Service
[Red Box]	General Commercial
[Light Blue Box]	Light Industry
[Dark Blue Box]	Automotive
[Blue Box]	Public/Private School
[Dark Blue Box]	Public Institution
[Light Green Box]	Private Institution
[Green Box]	Public Open Space
[Dark Green Box]	Public Park/Active Recreation
[Light Green Box]	Private Recreation
[Light Blue Box]	Watershed
[Dark Blue Box]	Public Utility
[Light Blue Box]	Public Parking
[Grey Box]	Streets & Highways
[White Box]	Undeveloped
[Green Box]	Oversized Single-Family Lots
TOTALS	

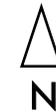


Figure 2-17: **COMMUNITY FACILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS AND SCHOOLS MAP**

it has a trailer used for safety demonstrations and a weapons-of-mass-destruction trailer acquired through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Required equipment upgrading will require additional Fire Department space due to increased size of the new equipment. The Fire Department's space at Village Hall would increase under the possible expansion of the facility. The Scarborough Station building also needs upgrading and enlarging.

EMS. The Briarcliff Manor Ambulance Corps within the all-volunteer Fire Department serves the emergency medical needs of the Village. The Ambulance Corps, located at Village Hall, staffs two ambulances 24 hours a day. Also, the Police Department employs three officers that are trained and certified New York State Emergency Medical Technicians, and all police vehicles are equipped with defibrillators. In addition, several volunteer Fire Department members have been trained and certified as EMTs. The Village also participates in a fly car support program as part of an agreement with Croton-on-Hudson, Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Phelps Memorial Hospital, so that Briarcliff Manor, Ossining and Croton-on-Hudson are able to provide advanced life support. The Village contracts for daytime services with a professional service due to insufficient volunteers being available during weekday daytime hours.

In April 2006, the Village executed an agreement with Tetra Tech EM Inc., of Rockaway, New Jersey, for preparation of an All Hazards Mitigation Plan. This plan was later expanded to include manmade disasters on major roadways. The plan is a response to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which requires states, with support from local governmental agencies, to develop hazard mitigation plans to prepare for and reduce the potential impacts of natural hazards. The act is intended to facilitate cooperation between state and local authorities, and the Village's EMS personnel would be a part of that cooperation.

Emergency Management. As part of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive, President Bush directed the development and administration of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS was developed so responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines can work together to better respond to natural disasters and emergencies, including terrorism. NIMS benefits include a unified approach to incident management, standard command and management structures, and emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management. The Village's administrative staff and other key point people are trained in NIMS.

Public Works

The Briarcliff Manor Department of Public Works has 37 full-time employees distributed among six divisions: administration, highway department, water department, sanitation, vehicle maintenance and building maintenance. The Public Works facility is located at 10 Buckhout Road, off Pleasantville Road in the southeastern portion of the Village. Specific information about the department's divisions is as follows, with the number of employees in each division given in parentheses. The major divisions are Administration, Highway Department, Central Garage, and Water Department.

Administration (5) provides general administrative support and oversight of department operations. In addition, staff monitors all DPW construction/paving operations and seasonal activities, and the water and sewer systems, data collection/report filing as per county and state regulations. The staff develops and oversees budget, payroll, water billing, purchasing and permits.

Highway Department (15) has responsibility for street maintenance (39.66 miles/125 roads), plus Scarborough Train Station and all municipal parking lots. This entails pavement and curb repairs, sweeping, pavement marking, sidewalk repair, snow and ice control, and the repaving of two to three miles of Village streets each year. For other roads, the department does preparation work and curbing while

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a contractor (awarded by bid annually) performs the paving itself. The department maintains roadsides, which includes tree/bush removal and trimming, mowing, sign repair. Repair and replacement of approximately 200 street lights are also the department's responsibility.

Drainage (approximately 400 catch basins and 28 miles of drain lines) work involves the installation, repair and cleaning of drainage structures. Several bridges and box culverts conveying streams under roadways (including Todd Lane Bridge, River Road Bridge, South State Road Bridge, Caney Brook culverts, Aspinwall culverts, etc.) are maintained and repaired by the Highway Department.

The Highway Department provides park maintenance for Law, Neighborhood and Jackson Road Parks. McCrum, Chilmark and Scarborough parks are maintained by the Recreation Department. The work involves grass cutting, leaf removal, plantings and beautification.

Within the Highway Department, there are three sub-divisions:

(a) **Sanitation** (6) provides garbage pickup (approximately 340 tons per month) twice a week to single-family homes and once a week to condos, multi-family buildings and commercial establishments. The department also provides drop-off recycle-service for large items and hazardous materials.

(b) **Recycling**. The Highway Department and the Sanitation Department, which each cover half the Village, jointly provide curbside recycling once per week.

(c) **Building Maintenance** (2) provides maintenance for the Village Municipal Building, the DPW garage and offices, Scarborough



Fire House, the Library and the Village-owned Scarborough Post Office.

Central Garage (3) maintains all highway, water, sanitation, police, fire, ambulance, recreation and administration vehicles.

Water Department (6) operates the connections to various aqueducts and six water pump stations, with a maximum demand of 3.4 million gallons of water per day and an average day demand of 1.3 million gallons of water. The department maintains the water distribution system, including four storage tanks, approximately 400 fire hydrants and the reading and repairing of approximately 2,700 water meters. The department offers contractor support for major water projects.

Future plans for the Water Department include water pump station upgrades at Round Hill Road, Ridgecrest Road and Old Sleepy Hollow Road; and repairs to water mains at Sleepy Hollow Road and Washburn Road.

The Village's main source of drinking water has been from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (NYCDEP) New Croton Aqueduct, an unfiltered water supply. However, compliance with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) regulations requires that Croton water be filtered. To address the filtration requirements, NYSDOH has approved the Village's plan to replace the existing Croton Aqueduct water supply with a supply connected to New York City's Lower Catskill/Delaware Aqueduct System which does not require filtration.

Sanitary Sewer System. The Village sanitary sewer system is maintained jointly by the Highway and Water departments. Work consists of rebuilding manholes and cleaning and repairing the collection system by the Highway Department, and maintaining nine sewer pumping stations by the Water Department. Future plans in this area include replacement of the sanitary sewer station and upgrades at

Long Hill Road, and smoke testing in sanitary sewers along Scarborough and Old Briarcliff Roads.

Future Improvements

The Village has plans for a number of drainage improvement projects, as determined by an engineering study completed in FY 2006-2007. Approximately \$500,000 is allocated for these improvements, with \$100,000 allocated each year of the five-year capital budget through FY 2010-2011.

In addition, the Village is in the process of drafting a stormwater management law and an illicit discharge law, including mapping of outflows. Briarcliff Manor has been performing ongoing education, both individually as a municipality and in conjunction with a countywide grant. The Village is also one of a number of communities that received a grant to provide training for contractors on proper stormwater management.

Library

The Briarcliff Manor Public Library was created in 1914, when the Briarcliff Community Club began sponsoring and housing the library at their headquarters. The library was registered with New York State in 1921. In 1928, the Community Club property was sold. The library was housed in several locations over the subsequent 30 years, until finding a permanent home in 1959 at the former railroad station of the Putnam Division ("Old Put") of the New York Central Railroad, its current location. In 1964, the library became public.



Public Library

The library is staffed by a library director and a support staff of two and three-quarter full-time and eight part-time employees, including a reference librarian and a children/teen librarian, it is governed by a seven-member board (plus a liaison from the Village Board). In addition to traditional book borrowing, services offered include computer classes, book discussion groups, young adult programs, a children's room and a local history collection. Library spending is approximately four percent of the total Village budget. The library is not its own taxing district. The library is a part of the Westchester Library System, whose services are available to Village residents.

To address space and program requirements, Village voters passed in 2006 a \$4 million bond resolution to finance a two-story, 6,600-square-foot addition to the existing Library. A private fundraising effort will also be undertaken by a friends group to renovate. The expansion is expected to be completed in late 2008.

2.7.2 Parks and Recreation

Village Parks

The Village provides fields and facilities for active and passive recreation. (See Figure 2.18). These are available to residents and non-residents who are within the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District. Active recreation is defined as requiring some level of physical exertion, such as team sports, cycling, jogging and similar activities. Passive recreation requires little or no physical exertion, and usually needs few support structures or facilities. Examples of passive recreation include walking, sightseeing and picnicking.

The Recreation and Parks Department offers a number of programs for residents of all ages, particularly youth and seniors. These are discussed after this section on parks.

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Chilmark Park. The 11-acre park at 48 Macy Road is the site of the former Chilmark Country Club, purchased by the Village in 1980. The park has six tennis courts, a half-court basketball court, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field and playground. The park also houses the Recreation Center. The center offers seasonal indoor programs and accommodates the Recreation and Parks Department's administrative offices and equipment storage.

Several community organizations use the center for their meetings, and it is available for rental for private social functions. A renovation and development plan is underway for the park, including improvements to the athletic fields and basketball court and the addition of a restroom facility for the site. There is parking available for park users, although parking for administrative personnel is somewhat limited.



Village Recreation and Parks Headquarters

Jackson Road Park. This 4.67-acre park is located along the Pocantico River from Jackson Road and Ash Road, and was dedicated in 1975. It features two basketball courts, a playground refurbished in 2005, swings, picnic tables and benches. Approximately half of the park (two acres) is undeveloped and consists primarily of wetlands. There is no parking available or planned at the park.

Kate Kennard Trail. The mile-long trail, dedicated in 1988, begins on Long Hill West, just west of the Aspinwall Road intersection. The trail, part of a permanent public easement connected with the Rosecliff residential development, follows an intermittent streambed



Kate Kennard Trail

between two moderately steep slopes to the border of the Town of Mount Pleasant. There are no parking facilities at the trail, and no opportunity for parking.

Law Memorial Park. The 6.28-acre park is located on Pleasantville Road in the heart of the Village, and contains the Village Pool complex, with a 120-foot by 75-foot main pool and a 30-foot-diameter circular wading pool. A two-story bathhouse/pavilion was completed in 2001. The park also features two lighted clay tennis courts, two unlit tennis courts and a playground. A plan to upgrade and expand court lighting to encompass all four courts was approved for 2008. Two platform tennis courts are just north of the park near the Atria Field complex, and the Village Library is located on the park's eastern edge. There is ample parking available along Van Lu Van Road and adjacent to the Library. Parking is to be expanded at the Library in connection with the expansion of the Library building.



Law Park Memorials

Lynn McCrum Field. This 6.3-acre park, dedicated in 1999, is located on the corner of Chappaqua Road and Route 9A. The site has a youth sports playing field that can be used as either two youth-sized baseball/softball fields or two youth soccer fields. The park includes parking for approximately 50 cars.



McCrum Field

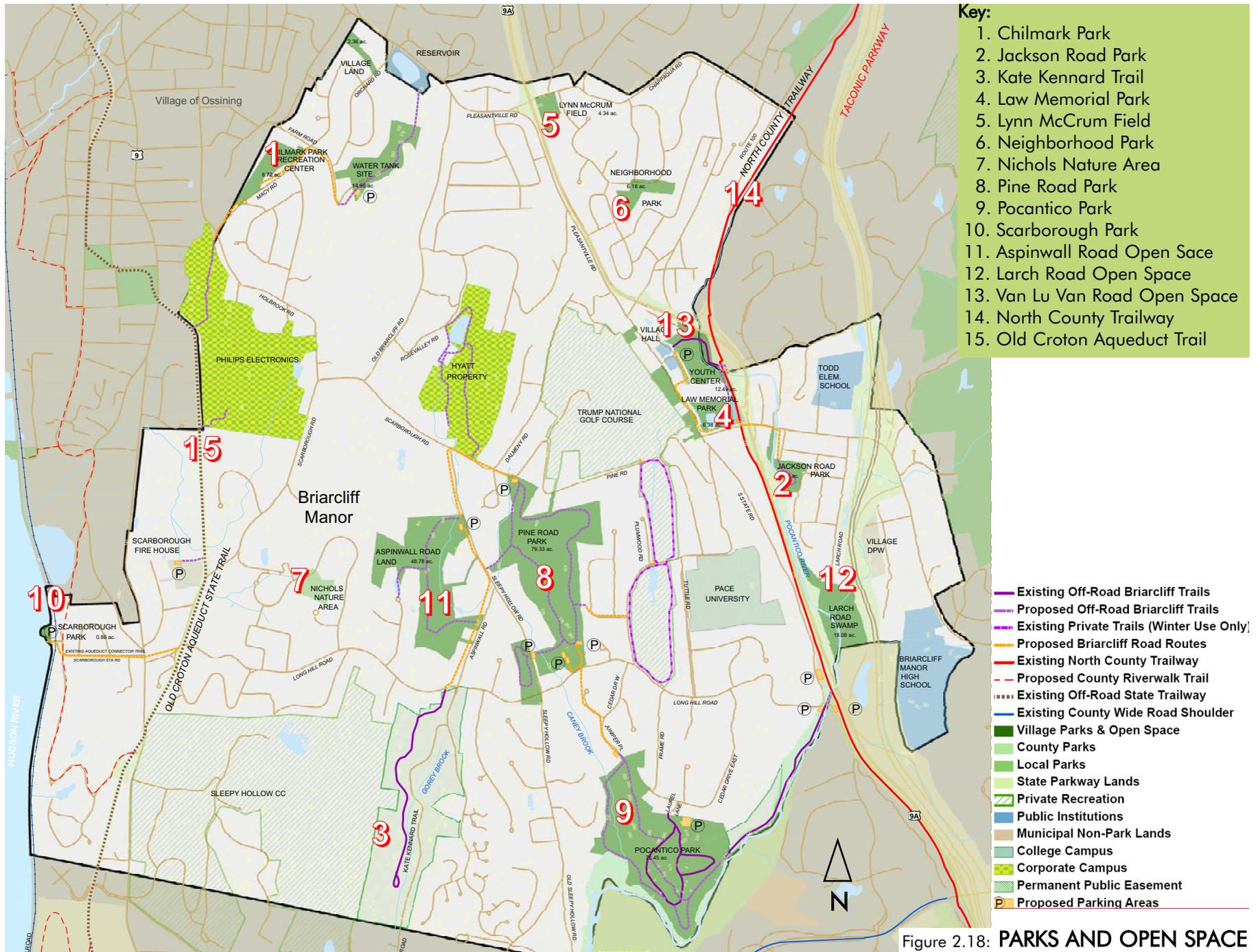


Figure 2.18: PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

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Neighborhood Park. This 5.3-acre park was dedicated to the Village in 1954 and expanded in 1958 and 1964. The park is in a heavily populated residential community area, at the corner of Whitson and Fuller Roads, and borders Schrade Road. The Whitson Road side features a youth baseball field, and at the Schrade Road entrance, a basketball court and playground. The park has been used to meet the field demands of organized youth sports programs since the early 1990s, but the lack of off-street parking is problematic given this use. Parking along the undeveloped eastern side is possible.

Nichols Nature Area. This 3.8-acre site, acquired in 1973 as part of a residential subdivision, is undeveloped and landlocked, only accessible from Nichols Place. Steep slopes virtually assure that the land will remain in its natural state and continue to serve as home to many regional flora and fauna.

Pine Road Park. This 66-acre parcel, located between Pine Road and Long Hill Road East, was acquired in 1948 and expanded in 1963. The park, which is currently undeveloped, is centrally located and also accessible from Sleepy Hollow Road. The J-shaped parcel has varying terrain, with limited parking available at the southeast corner water pump station area.

Pocantico Park. This 70.9-acre site, the Village's largest park, was acquired in 1948 and expanded in 1963, 1964 and 1967. The passive recreation park, which abuts the Pocantico River, is accessible from Laurel Lane, off Cedar Drive East. A few hiking trails are marked in the park, which is home to a large number of animals found in the region, including deer. There are two additional neighborhood access points, at the end of Cedar Drive West and at the end of Frame Road. These areas are currently



Scarborough Park, on the Riverfront

undeveloped. The eastern area has a new trail connection in the Pacwater development that will allow access to pedestrians from the North County Trail area, along the Pocantico River and into the park.

Scarborough Park. This riverside park located west of the Scarborough train station was acquired in 1908, and is the site of the former Village wastewater treatment facility. The park has one acre of land and five acres of underwater land and offers picnic and fishing areas. Public parking is limited due to commuter use of the parking area. The Village is currently pursuing grant funding to further improve and develop the site, specifically related to stabilizing and protecting the park's shoreline and adding amenities and features to improve its usability.

Aspinwall Road Open Space. This 39-acre site, located on the west side of Aspinwall and Sleepy Hollow Roads and north and east of Cottonwood Lane, was acquired in 1963. The property has varying slopes and a good mix of flora, with mature species, healthy undergrowth and a mix of wildlife habitats. The site also has a small pond at the Cottonwood Lane area, a stream and some evidence of former/existing stonewalls in the north and south areas. Due to the location of wetlands on Aspinwall and Sleepy Hollow Roads, development of parking is restricted.

Larch Road Open Space. This 16.9-acre parcel is located at the end of Larch Road, between Route 9A/100 and the Taconic State Parkway. The property is a mixture of wetlands and swamp in the center, with a mature tree canopy around the perimeter. The Pocantico River defines the western edge of the site, which contributes to the wetlands. Limited space for parking exists at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Van Lu Van Road Open Space. This 16.5-acre site is located behind Village Hall on Van Lu Van Road. The property includes the Youth Center building and associated basketball court, with parking



Youth Center

available along Van Lu Van Road. A large lawn behind the Youth Center extends to a feeder stream of the Pocantico River to the north. This parcel connects to Atria Field.

County and State Parks

North County Bike Trail (Westchester County): A 22.1-mile paved, multi-use trail is located in the former “Old Put” railroad bed and extends from the Town of Greenburgh north to Baldwin Place in Putnam County. Village access to the trail is located behind the Briarcliff Manor Public Library, near Pleasantville Road. The trail extends north along Route 100 into Millwood, and south along Route 9A to Route 117. Formal parking areas are located on Route 117 to the south and on Route 100, at the end of North State Road. Informal parking spaces are used near the South State Road-Long Hill Road intersection.



Entrance to North County Trailway in Law Park

Old Croton Aqueduct Trail (New York State): The Westchester County section of this trail (known as OCAT) follows 26.2 miles of the 42-mile aqueduct from Croton to New York City. It is operated and maintained by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Village access to the trail is at Scarborough Road, just north of the Scarborough Fire Station. Currently, the fire station lot is used for parking. These sections of the OCAT are projected to be used for the proposed Westchester County RiverWalk project.

Private Land and Corporate Campuses Allowing Public Access

Atria Field. The four-acre multi-use ball field area is owned by Atria (1025 Pleasantville Road). The school district has an easement for use. The fields are adjacent to the Van Lu Van Road marsh open space and the Briarcliff Manor Public Library.



Athletic Fields located at The Atria

Trump National Golf Course.

This 147.4-acre course, located at 339 Pine Road, was originally constructed in 1923 as the Briar Hall Country Club. It reopened in 2001 as Trump National Golf Club, a private, 18-hole golf course. Cart paths are available for Village pedestrian use from December 1 to March 1. Walking is permitted on Parcels 2 and 3 and along the service road adjacent to Pine Road on Parcel 1. Residents are able to access portions of the golf course during winter months for cross country skiing and sledding. To direct people to appropriate areas, signs are posted at the golf course.

Philips Electronics Research Center. The 78.2-acre campus is located at 345 Scarborough Road, in the northwest section of the Village, at the former Macy estate. Philips has granted permission to Village residents to walk on its trails.

Sleepy Hollow Country Club. The 338-acre country club is located at 777 Albany Post Road. The club has 259 acres in the southern part of the Village and the rest in the Town of Mount Pleasant. First opened in 1914, it has an 18-hole course and a 9-hole course, with a Renaissance Revival mansion club house designed by Stanford White for the



Sleepy Hollow Country Club

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granddaughter of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Other Parks and Dedicated Open Space

There are other parks and dedicated open spaces accessible to Briarcliff Manor residents in the Town and Village of Ossining and in the Town of Mount Pleasant:

Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway (Town of Ossining). A 12-mile linear park that runs from the Town of Ossining north to Westchester County's Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill. The trail is built on land originally acquired in 1929 and then designated as trailway in 1977.

Ryder Park (Town of Ossining) is located on Morningside Drive and has soccer/football fields, a fitness trail, tennis and basketball courts, ballfields, playground and a picnic area. One field has customarily been designated for Briarcliff Manor Little League.

Ossining Nature Preserve (Town of Ossining) is located just west of Route 100/Saw Mill River Road in the southeastern corner of the town.

Graham Hills Park (Town of Mount Pleasant). The 431-acre Westchester County Park features approximately five miles of mountain biking trails geared toward experienced riders.

Rockefeller State Park Preserve (Pocantico Hills). The 1,233-acre state park contains part of the Rockefeller family estate in Pocantico Hills given to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in 1983. The park is largely located along Sleepy Hollow Road in Sleepy Hollow. The Park entrance is on Route 117.

Hardscrabble Wilderness Area (Mount Pleasant). The 225-acre recreation area located off Dogwood Lane has three camping sites, six hiking trails and a nature study area.

Nelson Park (Village of Ossining) is located on Route 9 at Washington Avenue and has baseball and soccer fields.

Cedar Lane Park (Town of Ossining). Recreation facilities at this 39-acre park located at 235 Cedar Lane includes a fitness trail, basketball courts, fishing, picnic area, a soccer field and a fenced in, off leash dog park.

Planning for Parks

Studies and planning efforts for Briarcliff Manor's parks and recreation have been undertaken over the years, though most have been small in scope and focused on particular issues or parcels. An exception is the "Recreation Study for the Village of Briarcliff Manor," completed in 1959 by the Westchester County Recreation Commission.

This study examined Village recreational services and facilities on a community-wide basis, and gave a range of formal recommendations that were subsequently adopted, including the creation of the current full-time department. Other recommendations were creation of a permanent, full-time recreation superintendent and recreation advisory committee, expansion of services to residents of the school districts, broadening recreation programs to all ages and both sexes, coordinating existing programs, greater recruitment and training of volunteers, establishing a public relations program for recreation, increasing the parks and recreation budget, and recommendations for specific parks or facilities.

Subsequent recreation and parks studies are:

Specific to Pine Road Park. "Recommendations for the Development of Pine Road Park as a Recreation Area" (1963) and "Master Plan for Pine Road Park" (1965)

Specific to Large Parcels within the Village. “Village of Briarcliff Manor Large Parcels Study” (1980)

Specific to the Shortage of Playing Fields. “Review of Village Owned Parcels” by Village staff (1993); “Study of Chilmark Park” for additional athletic field development (1995); and “Parkland Study” for athletic fields: options and cost estimates (1996-1997).

Specific to Current Village Parks and Facilities. “Law Park and Pool Facility Master Plan” (1998-1999); “Park and Recreation Facility Master Plan” project (2003-2004); and “Chilmark Park Renovation and Development Plan” (2005).

Briarcliff Manor Trails Study. In June 2006, Cherbuliez/Munz PLLC completed the “Briarcliff Manor Trails Study,” which assessed the suitability of the public and private open space tracts of land in the Village for development and expansion of pedestrian trails, and explored potential links to public and private trails and Village parks.



The study identified and assessed specific locations for potential parking areas next to or near the railway system, and recommended materials for trail and parking area surfaces. The Trails Study was funded by the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley Inc. It was based on promoting four of the five Greenway criteria: regional planning, natural and cultural resource protection, heritage and environmental education and public access to the Hudson River.

The study concluded that, while a trail corridor that incorporates the entire Village is not possible, a trails system could be developed that would create connections to existing facilities, provide access to

currently undeveloped parcels and expand the recreational options currently available to Village residents.

The studies listed above were conducted to accomplish very specific goals. The Park and Recreation Facility Master Plan, for example, was undertaken by the department and the Recreation Advisory Committee to identify and prioritize issues that need to be addressed within the Village’s existing parks and facilities. Capital projects completed within the last three years have generally been driven by the information collected from the community through this project. Major rehabilitation and improvement projects at Jackson Road Park, Lynn McCrum Field and Chilmark Park can be attributed to the “in-house” planning that began with this Facility Master Plan project.

Village Recreation Services and Programs

Youth Services. The Village of Briarcliff Manor’s Recreation and Parks Department provides youth recreational services at the Youth Center located on Van Lu Van Road, behind the Village Hall and Briarcliff Post Office. The Youth Center building (2,400 square feet of interior space) was donated to the Village in 1997 and serves as a safe, supervised facility for young people in middle school and high school.

The Youth Center program is operated year-round, and the building and its grounds have a lighted, outdoor basketball court, indoor game and lounge space and an outdoor deck and patio area. The full-time recreation staff directs the center’s activities and oversees a part-time staff of adult and college-age program supervisors. The program includes special event and activity nights, as well as evenings with no programmed activities.

Youth Center programs are available to all students in grades 6-12 who either reside within the Village or attend school in the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District. Participating students are required to register with the Recreation and Parks Department. The membership

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fee for all students for the 2006-2007 program year was \$10, although there are potential added charges associated with certain special events and activities that are offered at the center.

The Recreation Department also provides pre-school programs including playgroups, music and arts-and-crafts programs and field trips. Youth sports programs include floor hockey, basketball, tennis and softball. The department conducts an after-school program at Todd Elementary School that offers a range of classes and activities for children in grades K-5 and a six-week day camp program serving over 500 resident children (grades K-8) each summer.

Adult Services. In addition to programs specifically geared toward youth and senior citizens, the Village's Recreation and Parks Department offers a number of paid programs for adult residents, including basketball, badminton, tennis, golf, cooking classes, driving courses, yoga, and tae kwon do. These programs, which are generally held either in the Recreation Center or the Youth Center, are also available for non-residents of the Village, for a higher fee. The Briarcliff Manor Public Library also offers book discussion groups and computer classes.

Senior Services. The Village offers a number of programs and services specifically geared toward residents aged 60 and over, including seasonal programs, special events and trips. The Village Recreation Department also provides a senior citizen bus, which accommodates 14 passengers and provides door-to-door transportation on a first-come, first-served basis, available using a phone reservation system. Shopping (local and to some malls), banking and trips to local doctors' appointments are scheduled. In addition, Village residents and Town of Ossining residents who are 65 years of age or over can participate in the Call-A-Cab program, which provides coupons for taxi services at reduced fares. These coupons are available through Ossining's Senior Services Department.

The Village also has a contract with Family Services of Westchester, a nonprofit agency based in Port Chester, for the part-time services of a Senior Advocate. The Senior Advocate is available to assist seniors with problems typically addressed by a social service agency: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid information, rehabilitation services and long-term care services, prescription drug program assistance, nutrition, food pantries and Meals On Wheels programs and volunteer opportunities. This program is available to all senior citizens of Briarcliff Manor.

The Town of Ossining has assembled a committee to examine the demand for and feasibility of developing a center for senior programs and services. The Town is only in the preliminary stage of planning. However, the Village should remain aware of the Town's progress and aim to coordinate services where appropriate.

2.7.3 Schools

The Village of Briarcliff Manor contains parts of two local school districts: Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District and Ossining Union Free School District. Figure 2.19 shows public schools within the two school districts and all public and parochial primary schools in Briarcliff Manor. Since each school district is controlled by its own legislative body, independent of the Village, this Plan makes no recommendations regarding school operations or facilities. This section is provided for information purposes only. This is not to say that there is no coordination between the Village and the school district: the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education designates liaisons to the Briarcliff Village Trustees, as well as to the Ossining and Mt. Pleasant Town Boards.

Briarcliff Manor Public Schools

The Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District covers approximately six square miles and includes portions of the Towns of Mount Pleasant and

the Village of Briarcliff Manor. The district has a K-5 elementary school and a school shared by the middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). Todd Elementary School is located on Ingham Road. Briarcliff Middle School and Briarcliff High School are located on Pleasantville Road (see Figure 2.19).

For the 2005-2006 school year, total enrollment in the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District was 1,836 students. According to the district superintendent's projection (based on an Enrollment Projection Demographic Study, June 2006), this appears to have been the peak year. Enrollment is projected to trend slowly downward for the next decade. The Enrollment Study projects a total of 1,728 students (K-12) in 2016, a decrease of six percent from the 2006 enrollment of 1,836.

Table 2.11 shows enrollment in the district from 2000-2001 through 2005-2006.

Table 2-11: Recent Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District Enrollment

	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
K-5	788	783	779	765	748	742
6-8	357	379	415	425	453	415
9-12	448	489	534	560	601	679
Total	1,593	1,651	1,728	1,750	1,802	1,836

Source: Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District, 2006.

The actual fall 2006 kindergarten enrollment was 100 students versus the original high estimated range of 125 to 135 students. The district reports that it is planning for 101 kindergarteners for fall 2007 while

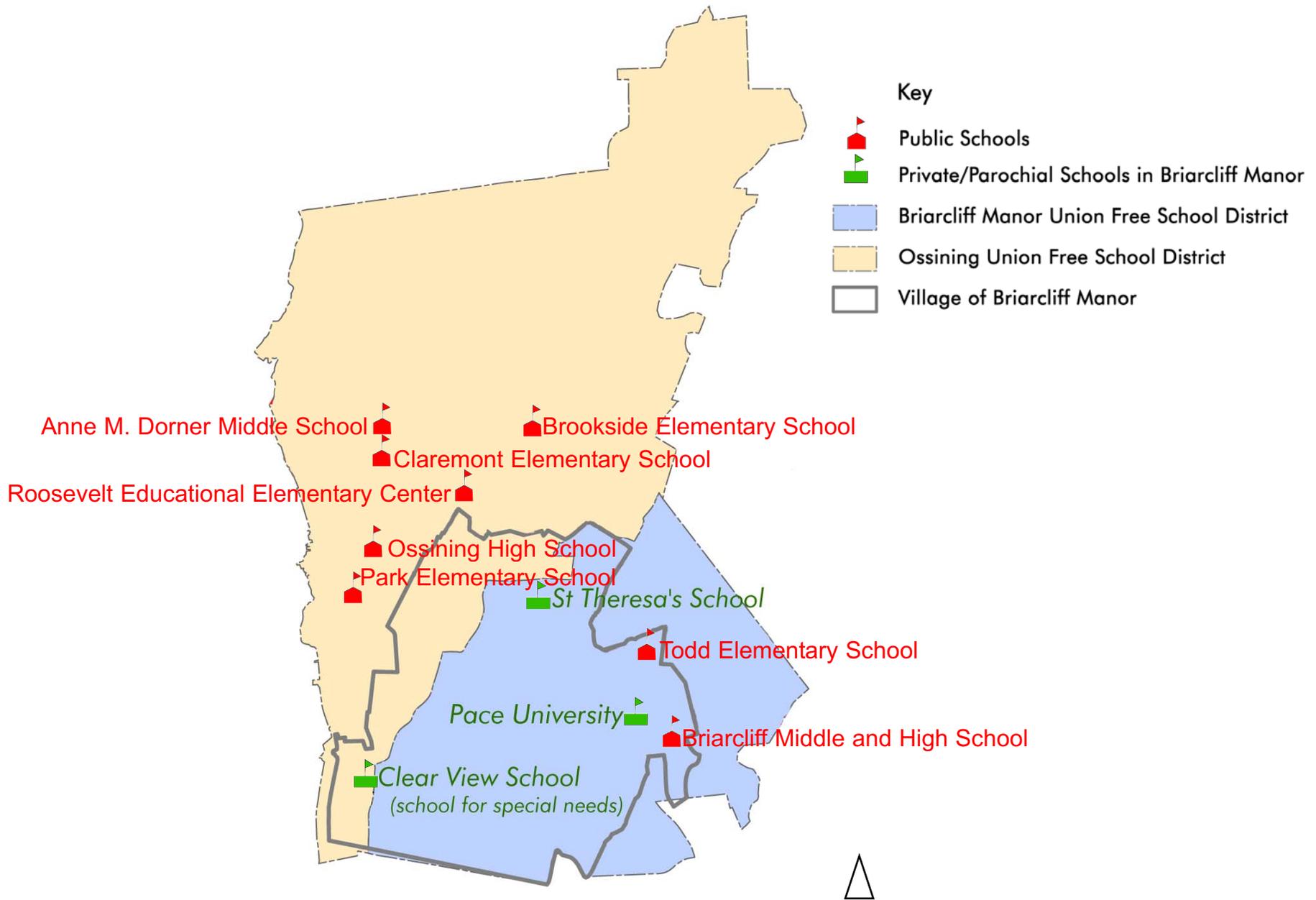
160 seniors are expected to graduate spring 2008, a slight decrease from the 161 that graduated in 2007.



Todd School



Auditorium at the Middle and High Schools



N Figure 2.19: PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN BRIARCLIFF MANOR, PUBLIC & PAROCHIAL

Ossining Public Schools

Approximately 30% of the Village of Briarcliff Manor is within the Ossining Union Free School District. This district had a total enrollment of 3,918 students for the 2006-2007 school year, in six schools: Roosevelt School for preschool-aged children, Park School for grades K-1, Brookside School for grades 2-3, Claremont School for grades 4-5, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for grades 6-8 and Ossining High School for grades 9-12. None of these schools is located within Briarcliff Manor.

Table 2.13 shows the recent past enrollment for the Ossining District. The District experienced its most significant enrollment growth in the late 1990s and early 2000s, but is expected to continue to grow slowly over the next decade.

Table 2-12: Recent Ossining Union Free School District Enrollment

	<u>2000- 2001</u>	<u>2001- 2002</u>	<u>2002- 2003</u>	<u>2003- 2004</u>	<u>2004- 2005</u>	<u>2005- 2006</u>
Pre-K	183	204	216	216	214	252
K-1	585	617	612	618	597	647
2-3	587	568	575	607	584	600
4-5	669	618	583	568	584	580
6-8	911	921	930	902	865	822
9-12	1,125	1,224	1,300	1,279	1,313	1,251
Ungraded	33	30	36	38
Total	4,060	4,152	4,249	4,220	4,193	4,190

Source: Ossining Union Free School District, 2006.

By 2016, the Ossining enrollment is projected to be 4,356, an increase of four percent over the 2006 enrollment of 4,187 students.